

REMARKS

The undersigned thanks the Examiner for granting an interview on March 26, 2004 and acknowledges receipt of the Interview Summary mailed March 30, 2004. On March 26, 2004, Valarie Rosen, Marthinus van Schoor, David Gilbert, and the Examiner participated in a telephonic interview. During the interview, Mr. Gilbert and Mr. van Schoor described the invention and its advantages with respect to the prior art. Cited references JP64-25583 ("Ayusawa") and U.S. Patent No. 4,992,692 ("Dias"). The undersigned is confused by the citation of U.S. Patent No. 3,382,841 in the Interview Summary as it was not cited against the claims in the most recent Office Action. Mr. van Schoor, Mr. Gilbert, and Ms. Rosen agreed to propose amendments to the claims to overcome the rejections over the cited art.

It is believed that no additional fees are required with this Response. Please charge any fees associated with this filing, or apply any credits, to our Deposit Account No. 03-1721.

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